

Murray History Advisory Board
Minutes for March 24, 2009

Attendance: Richard Hansen, Kathy Romero, Sherm Davies
Excused: Lee Brinton

1. Minutes for January 27, 2009 were approved as written. We have only four current board members so three was considered a majority. We have three vacancies. Both Newel and Karen have resigned due to health issues and Winter lives part of the year in St George and has difficulty in attending meetings.
2. Mary Ann thanked Sherm for the suggestions of names we could interview for oral histories. She may involve some board members in this process. Richard said that Noal Anderson could possibly supply additional names.
3. The Board reviewed a demo request at 5540 South 300 West formerly owned by the Wolf family. We do have photos of both the exterior and interior to document the building. She did tell the contractor that the original interior woodwork could be saved and sold. No other documentation is needed. Sherm asked if we had a photo of a water tank east of the superintendent home. We do have photos of the Ore Sampling Mill but she didn't know if a water tank appeared in those photos. We will research this and perhaps Sherm could supply the background information about them. We did interview some people who worked at the Ore Sampling Mill. Mary Ann noted that a group of artists were interested in buying the Ore Sampling Mill as an art facility with apartments and studio space.
4. Mary Ann announced a workshop on Personal History Writing on Saturday, April 25 from 10:30 to 12 noon at the Murray Library. She will send them info about this.
5. Vintage Days will include school tours at the cemetery. A press release and a letter to church leaders will invite the public to make an appointment for group tours during May. Mary Ann will also provide info at the scout round table.
6. Suggestions for Heritage Awards were discussed. We have already given awards to Korral Broschinsky for the Murray School District Centennial Book and Micheal Pemberton for the Fire Department Book. Richard asked if we completed the yearbook project. This is still in progress using our museum staff. Richard suggested we recognize Jenny Lund with a heritage award. Board members felt this was a great idea. As a board member, Jenny did a great deal to guide us with the museum development and policies.
7. Mary Ann expressed her concern about state budget cuts that has almost eliminated state library division and state museum services. This would eliminate training by professional expertise at the state level.
8. Mary Ann invited board members to a meeting with the consultants who are presenting a downtown master plan design. She asked if the board wanted to discuss their philosophy now about potential changes to the DHOD and the design guidelines. Kathy and Richard liked the brick element that is compatible to the historic elements. Mary Ann thought it was important to find out how the community feels about preserving historic elements. Sherm suggested we wait until we see what is presented and then we can discuss it. Mary Ann asked if we want to invite former board members such as Jenny to the meeting. Board members felt we should stick with our current board. Richard wondered if it would be good to have people who were knowledgeable such as Alan Barnett. Mary Ann noted that Alan and other architects would be present as part of the design review committee.
9. Kathy asked about the property surrounded by the golf course. Mary Ann said this was the Winchester and Turpin property which included a turkey farm. The city has wanted to acquire this property. We also discussed the Japanese School located on 700 West. Richard suggested we redo a book of historic homes.
10. Next month we will try to take a field trip. (Note this has been postponed TBA)